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painting, the History of the Woman taken in Adultery, valued at £36, two Japan chests on casters, one walnut card table, one Japanned tea table, 6 walnut chairs with silver stuff covers, 20 small prints with glasses (@ £1. 4.), one silver hilted sword gilt, 42 prints with glasses (@ £3. 3.), a coach and harness for 6 horses (@ £25.), a chariot (@ £65.), a chair (@ £2.), [this must have been an old one], 17 negroes [probably only those at Germanna], Cattle at Cowslip Quarter Raccoon Quarter, Germanna, River Quarter, Bridge Quarter, Massoponax and Mill Quarter.

WELCH—Desired, information as to the names of any members of the Welch family of Virginia The name appears several times in Heitman's *Official Register*, and as my grandfather was James Welch, of Virginia, I am very desirous of communicating with any one bearing the name, in hope of learning something of my mother's family.

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BOOK REVIEWS.

THE THOMAS BOOK, GIVING THE GENEALOGIES OF SIR RHYS AP THOMAS, K. G., THE THOMAS FAMILY DESCENDED FROM HIM AND OF SOME ALLIED FAMILIES. By Lawrence Buckley Thomas, D. D., N. Y., MDCCCXCVI. Pp. xxii, 642, with 54 full page portraits, views, &c., 7 plates in the text and 100 coats of Arms. G. E. Stechert, 9 E. 16th Street, New York.

Through the statement that a genealogical work is beautifully printed and illustrated, by no means always includes the fact that is it valuable as a genealogical authority, yet in the main, both statements may be made in regard to Dr. Thomas' book. It is certainly one of the handsomest publications of the sort which has appeared, and it is also, with some exceptions, deserving of praise as a careful and judicious genealogy.

Besides a full account of the distinguished Maryland family, to which the author belongs, it contains accounts of many other families of the name in America and England. And besides a number of connected English and Welsh names, there are accounts, more or less full, of the following American families:

Andrews, Bentley (Md.), Bordley, Bowne, Brooke (Md.), Brown (Pa.), Buckley (N. Y.), Burling, Carey (Md.), Carroll, Cheston, Chew, Clark (N. Y.), Coale, Cowman, De Zeng, Ellicott, Fairfax, Farquhan, Ferris

(N. Y.), Fitzhugh (Md.), Galloway, George (Md.), Gilpin, Gray (Pa.), Godey, Herbert (Alexandria, Va.), Herman and Randolph, Hopkins (Md.), Houghtelling, Howard (Md.), Howard (Washington, D. C.), Johns and Hutchins (Md.), Johnson (Md.), Jones (Md.), Kane, King (Md.), Kirkbride and Marriott, Knight and Canby (Md.), Knowles, (Md.), Large, Lawrence (Md.), Lawrence (N. J.), Lawrence (N. Y.), Leiper, McCobb, McVickar, Mifflin, Nicklin and Dallas, Pell, Penrose, Philips and Montgomery, Poultney, Reese (Md.), Richardson (Md.), Ringgold, Russell and Sewall (Md.), Rutherford (N. Y.), Rutland, Schefflin, Scull, Sheafe and Satterwhite (Mass.), Shibly, Snowden, Stabler, Stanard (Va.), Sullivan (N. J.), Talbot (Md.), Tilghman, Tyson, Walker (N. Y.), Warfield, Wethered, Wilcocks and Ingersoll (Pa.), Winthrop, Fones and Feake (Mass.), Anderson (Va.), Blackburn (Va.), Crabb and Gillespie (Botetourt, Va.), Glasgow (Va.), and Junkin.

Where there is so much to commend it is difficult to find fault, yet criticism must begin at the title page. This states that the book contains an account of the Thomas family descended from Sir Rhys ap Thomas, K. G., and on page 20 it is stated, without any suggestion of doubt, that his son Thomas ap Rhys was "ancestor of the Thomas family of West River, Md.," yet on page 27, the author candidly admits that the descent is only conjectural, and there appears not the slightest proof (except that which every genealogical student knows is very weak, unless supported by other evidence, viz.: similarity of arms), that the descent is that which is unhesitatingly claimed on the title page.

It will interest Virginia genealogists to find that no information has been adduced by Dr. Thomas' recent and careful research, in regard to the ancestry of Larkin Chew, ancestor of the present Virginia family; who is stated by tradition to have been a son of Joseph Chew, and grandson of John, the immigrant. The fact that Larkin Chew in his will makes a bequest to his mother Mrs. Ann Green (a fact not known to Dr. Thomas), may be a clue for further research.

On page 279 it is stated that John Chew, son of Larkin, married Margaret, daughter of Colonel Robert Beverly. This is a mistake, she was a daughter of Harry Beverley. And on page 276, the statement that Richard Johnson married "Dorothy Waller, daughter of Wm. Beverley," is also incorrect. She was a daughter of Colonel William Waller, of Spotsylvania, who married Ann, the widow of Robert Beverley, of Spotsylvania.

On page 368 it is stated that "Sir Henry Howard, of England," came to Maryland, married a Miss Dorsey and had a son Joshua Howard. No evidence is given; but we believe this like most of the other accounts of the Maryland family of Howards which have been published, is incorrect. The name Joshua Howard appears at an earlier date in Maryland, and we are informed (by one who has made some investigation),

that the Maryland family probably emigrated from Virginia, at a early date.

On page 436, in the account of Dr. John H. Leiper, the author states that "it is said" that his daughter Lucy A. H. Leiper, married Bernard Moore. There is no doubt about it, as legal papers preserved in the Virginia State Land Office prove the fact.

Her children shared in the Revolutionary bounty land of General William Smallwood.

These, however, are merely slight blemishes in a work which will be of value and interest to many all over the country.

A SOLDIER OF THE CIVIL WAR. By a member of the Virginia Historical Society. Privately printed. Pp. 63. Cleveland, Ohio, 1900.

It is pleasant to find such a sympathetic, one might almost say, loving account of the military career of Gen. George E. Pickett, by a writer who to judge from the place of the imprint, is a resident of the North. The Virginia Historical Society would be fortunate to be honored by more such publications, whether North or South. The writer gives a brief sketch of General Pickett's early life, especially in regard to the firm and brave stand he made at San Juan, Oregon; but of course the larger part of the pamphlet is taken up with a careful study of the battle of Gettysburg. The author gives deserved praise to the way in which the Confederate army abstained from plundering and outrage during the Pennsylvania campaign. "Not the least, then, of the glories of the Gettysburg campaign was the famous General Order No. 72 [that against spoliation]. It registers the highwater mark of modern civilized war."

After a careful and judicious discussion of the famous battle the writer declines to make a decision where the fault, if any, for the Confederate defeat lay.

A GENEALOGICAL HISTORY OF THE JENNINGS FAMILIES IN ENGLAND AND AMERICA. VOL. II. THE AMERICAN FAMILIES. By William Henry Jennings. Columbus, Ohio, 1899. Pp. vii, 819.

Like the "Thomas Book," this work is intended to include, not one particular family, but all families of the name Jennings or Jenings. Of course this is a vast undertaking, and there must necessarily be omissions; but so far as the book goes Mr. Jennings has done his work well. The second volume, containing American families is just published, and it is the intention of the compiler to follow this with a first volume on English pedigrees of the name, and a third with chart pedigrees and coats of arms.

We are unable to say how completely the work has been done in regard to other States; but the two most prominent families of the name in Virginia, are not mentioned at all. These are the family of Governor